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REPORT

Date December 8, 1939.

Subject. Suspected White Slave Trafficking at 32 Tsongchow Road.

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Information has been received from a reliable source to the effect that on November 1, 1939, a male Russian named Tirinin has brought to Shanghai from Harbin five Russian girls whose ages range from 17 to 22, under a contract to sell the girls as prospective brides or otherwise exploit them for lucrative purpose; the sum of C. \$2,500 was mentioned as the bargaining price for each girl for sale. The party on their arrival, it was reported, took up residence with a certain Mrs. Poluhov-Morosenko somewhere on Tsongchow Road.

Discreet enquiries made by the undersigned, D.S.I. Hsu Chung Chien and C.D.S. 24, Hsu Zah Sing, elicited the following information; -

A Mrs. Maria A. Poluhov-Morosenko, alias Poluhoff-Morosenko, Russian, 40 years old, together with her paramour a male Russian named Tiredi and eight young Russian girls are residing at House No. 32, Flats 4 and 5 Tsongchow Road. It is reported that Tiredi and the girls arrived in Shanghai from Harbin about a month ago but they have actually removed to the present address from Rue Ratard (number unknown) French Concession. Observation of the premises in question show that the girls are leaving the premises at all hours of the day carrying a rattan basket in their hands and usually return by 10 p.m.

Discreet questioning of Chinese servants brought forward the information that the girls are at present engaged either in prostitution or as masseuses.



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Mrs. Maria Polunova-Morosenko is known to have surreptitiously operated a brothel under the guise of a massage establishment which was formerly advertised in news-papers. In 1939 the premises ceased to be advertised as a massage establishment and it is strongly suspected that she was engaged in conducting prostitution and white slave trafficking.

Mrs. Maria Polunova-Morosenko was formerly the wife of Mr. K.A. Polunoff-Morosenko, Russian, former editor of "The World" in Harbin, publisher of "The Manchuria List" in Mukden and "The Far Eastern Advertising Agency" in Tientsin. During January 1929 he visited Shanghai for a short period and then returned to Tientsin. His present whereabouts are not known.

Mr. Polunov-Morosenko forms the subject of files No.D.2415 and D.8150 in connection with reported communistic activities.

There is nothing in Police records concerning Mrs. Maria Polunov-Morosenko.

Perusal of the shipping lists at this Section shows that a group of Russian girls whose names appear below, arrived in Shanghai from Dairen, together with a Russian female named Marchenko (possibly Morosenko) aged 40, on board the "Dairen Maru" on November 1, 1939:-

- (1) Miss O.Kinstch age 19,
- (2) Miss H.Kinstch " 16,
- (3) Miss A.Kinstch " 20,
- (4) Miss Sosik " 17,
- (5) Miss A. Aeronina " 22,

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